



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Proposed Information Collection Request of the ETA 204, Experience Rating Report; Comment Request on Extension Without Change.

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed

in the addressee section below on or before (insert date 60 days after date of publication in the Federal Register).

ADDRESSEE: Send comments to Edward M. Dullaghan, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Security, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Frances Perkins Bldg. Room S-4524, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone number (202)-693-2927 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email: dullaghan.edward@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background: The data submitted annually on the ETA-204 report enables the Employment and Training Administration to project revenues for the Unemployment Insurance (UI) program on a state-by-state basis and to measure the variations in assigned contribution rates which result from different experience rating systems. Used in conjunction with other data, the ETA-204 assists in determining the effects of certain factors (e.g., seasonality, stabilization, expansion, or contraction in employment, etc.) on the unemployment experience of various groups of employers. The data also provide an early signal for potential solvency problems and are useful in analyzing factors which give rise to these potential problems and permit an evaluation of the effectiveness of the various approaches

available to correct the detected problems. The report collects annual information about the taxing efforts in states relative to both taxable and total wages and allows comparison between states. Further, the data are key components to the Significant Tax Measures Report. The Significant Tax Measures Report provides the information necessary to evaluate and compare state UI tax systems.

II. Desired Focus of Comments: Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the ETA-204, Experience Rating Report which:

- * evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- * evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- * enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- * minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other

technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

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III. Current Actions:

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

Title: Experience Rating Report

OMB Number: 1205-0164

Agency Number: ETA 204

Affected Public: State Governments

Total Respondents: 53

Frequency: Annual

Total Responses: 53

Average Time per Response: 15 minutes

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 13 Hours

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will

also become a matter of public record.

SIGNED: Signed in Washington, D.C., this 9th day of January,
2012.

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Employment and Training Administration

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